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SUBJ: SECVISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. BASED ON SCHEDULE AT HAND EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PRES
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SCENARIO FOR DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS:

A. MAY 12: 2310 ARRIVAL. EMBASSY WILL NEITHER SEEK NOR DISCOURAGE
PRESS COVERAGE AT AIRPORT AND IT IS ANTICIPATED SOME PRESS REP-
RESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT. MICROPHONE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE SHOULD SECRETARY WIHS TO MAKE ARRIVAL STATE-
MENT. REMARKS WOULD BE TAPED.

B. MAY 13: 1600. AUDIENCE WITH SHAH. EMBASSY WILL SEEK ARRANGEMENT
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FOR CAMERA CREWS AND POOL REPORTER TO BE PRESENT TO COVER
SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL AT NIAVARAN PALACE AND GREETING BY SHAH
IF THIS DESIRED. COURT PRESS CHIEF SAYS IT IS LIKELY
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR MAXIMUM APPROXIMATELY EIGHT CAMERA
CREW MEMBERS AT PALACE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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C. MAY 13: APPROXIMATELY 1800. THIS WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE
TIME FOR PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD SECRETARY DECIDE AFFIRMATIVELY
ON THIS AFTER ARRIVAL. EMBASSY WISHES INFORM DEPARTMENT THERE
WOULD BE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN LAYING ON CONFERENCE WITHOUT ADVANCE
NOTICE. FRIDAY IS IRANIAN SUNDAY AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO
REACH JOURNALISTS AND INFORM THEM OF CONFERENCE. SECURITY NEEDS
IN IRAN HAVE, IN PAST, REQUIRED JOURNALISTS TO INFORM EMBASSY

IN ADVANCE OF INTEREST IN ATTENDING SUCH CONFERENCES AND THEY HAVE THEN BEEN IDENTIFIED ON THIS BASIS WHEN ENTERING CONFERENCE ROOM. IT WOULD ASSIST US GREATLY TO HAVE DDISION ON THIS CONFERENCE IN ADVANCE OF VISIT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

D. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN PAST TWO SECRETARIAL VISITS, ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS INFORMED EMBOFFS ON ARRIVAL THAT THEY HAD REQUESTED PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SHAH THROUGH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI. IN BOTH INSTANCES THESE WERE GRANTED AND SCHEDULED AFTER ARRIVAL. IN ONE CASE, SHAH MET WITH GROUP ALONE. IN OTHER CASE SHAH MET WITH JOURNALISTS IN PRESENCE OF SECRETARY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE IN THIS CONNECTION. COURT PRESS CHIEF SAYS THAT IF THIS SHOULD DEVELOP IT PROBABLY WOULD INCLUDE VISITING NEWSMAN OTHER CENTO COUNTRIES.

E. MAY 14: 1000. OPENING OF CENTO CONFERENCE AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT LIKELY TOTAL VISITING PRESS GROUP CAN BE ACCOMADATED.

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F. MAY 14: NOON. SECRETARY AND OTHER CENTO FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL ON SHAH AT NIAVARAN PALACE. EMBASSY WILL SEEK ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMERAMEN AND POOL REPORTER TO BE PRESENT DURING GREETING PORTION OF THIS MEETING IF THIS DESIRED.

G. MAY 14: 1830. CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL RECEPTION AT PARK HOTEL. JOURNALISTS WILL PROBABLY BE INVITED TO THIS EVENT.

H. MAY14: 2030. DINNER OF IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI

AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR CENTO DELEGATES. MINISTRY STATES IT DOUBTFUL THAT JOURNALISTS WILL BE INCLUDED. HOWEVER, IF THIS CHANGES, JOURNALISTS SHOULD BE INFORMED DRESS WILL BE BLACK TIE OR DARK SUIT.

I. MAY 15: 1000. DEPARTURE. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE SHOULD SECRETARY WISH TO MAKE DEPARTURE STATEMENT. NOTE: THIS ALSO WOULD BE SUITABLE TIME (0930-1000) FOR PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIP LOUNGE. BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE TIME FOR FILING BY TRAVELING PRESS GROUP PRIOR TAKE-OFF.

2. ENGLISH SERVICE OF NATIONAL IRANIAN TELEVISION HAS REQUESTED PRIVATE TAPED INTERVIEW OF ABOUT 20 MINUTES DURATION WITH SECRETARY. THRUST WOULD BE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. SIMILAR RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON POST TEHRAN STRINGER WILLIAM BARNIGAN WHO STATES PAPER HAS ASSIGNED HIM TO COVER VISIT AND THAT HE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ALL EVENTS OPEN TO VISITING PRESS. ON BOTH INTERVIEW REQUESTS, EMBOFF WAS NOT ENCOURAGING BUT STATED THAT REQUESTS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT. ADVISE.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES THAT IF THEY WISH SATELLITE FEEDS THEY MUST RESERVE SPECIFIC TIME THROUGH COMSAT IN NEW YORK. (TEHRAN TIME IS EIGHT AND A HALF HOURS AHEAD OF NEW YORK.) AFTER TIME IS RESERVED, NETWORKS SHOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY THROUGH DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM SO THAT WE CAN INFORM NATIONAL IRANIAN TELEVISION WHICH WILL THEN CONFIRM WITH COMSAT FROM HERE. THIS CONFIRMATION MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TIME OF SCHEDULED SATELLITE TRANSMISSION. FILM MUST BE DELIVERED TO NATIONAL IRANIAN TELEVISION (WHICH IS NEAR HILTON HOTEL) AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE TRANSMISSION. IRANIAN TELEVISION LABORATORY CAN DEVELOP 72-41 AND 72-42 COLOR REVERSAL FILM AND 72-47 VIEW NEGATIVES. CANNOT HANDLE 72-40 ROLL FILM.

4. USIS TEL AVIV HAS INFORMED POST THAT FOUR-PERSON NBC CAMERA CREW ARRIVING MAY 10 FROM ISRAEL TO WORK WITH VALERIANI. HOWEVER VALERIANI'S NAME NOT ON DEPARTMENT'S PRESS MANIFEST. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.

5. NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE CBS AND ABC REPRESENTATIVES WITH SECRETARY. BECAUSE ROOMS ARE TIGHT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE NETWORKS WILL HAVE CAMERA CREWS.
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